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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 16, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0414/RWR for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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